



## PRINTS CHARMING

Bring the party indoors with delightful dahlia-print chair upholstery and table accessories. It's the perfect look for a sunroom or breakfast nook, and equally fabulous outdoors on the deck. Follow the fabric-care how-tos on the transfer-paper package and your projects will stay abloom all summer!

CAFÉ TABLE, CHAIRS, HOMESENSE. GLASSES, PLANTS, BASKET, IKEA. TABLE-CLOTH, CANDYM ENTERPRISES. COCKTAIL NAPKINS, DINNER NAPKIN (USED ON CHAIR SEAT), DANICA IMPORTS. RUG, ACCENTS DE VILLE.

### tablecloth, chair pads & napkins

- 1 Scan a photo or select a clip art image.
- 2 Open a new document in your photo-editing program (we made an 8½- by 11-inch document to match our T-shirt transfer paper); copy and paste the image.
- 3 Size the image to suit your projects (we enlarged our dahlia image for the chair pads and tablecloth, and reduced it for the napkins).
- 4 Experiment with colour and filter effects.
- 5 Test-print the finished image on regular paper. If you like the result, print the image onto the appropriate colour of T-shirt transfer paper.
- 6 Cut closely around the image edge; iron as per package directions.
- 7 When cool, gently remove the backing paper.
- 8 Repeat steps for the leaves, sizing them proportionately to the flower.



### PRETTY PC

*Microsoft Home Magazine* ([microsoft.ca/home](http://microsoft.ca/home)) editors Tara Nolan and Heather Camlot offer these tips for crafting pretty decor items with your computer.

Find free art on the web by typing the words *clip art* and a keyword, like *dahlia*, into a search engine. Personalize projects with scans of photos or kids' artwork. Jazz up a photo or image with filters in your photo-editing program. You can make that beach scene look like a painting, stained glass or even a quilt. Always save an unaltered copy of your image as backup. If your image is directional – it has lettering, for instance – horizontally flip it before printing onto transfer paper. Always test-print on regular paper before printing on specialty papers or fabric. Use your printer's highest-quality setting to render the best colour and detail. WHERE TO FIND IT, PAGE 112